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FOR USDEL TO ITU AEROWARC

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SUBJECT: ITU: 1979 WARC CONSULTATIONS

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1. REPORTS ON 1979 WARC PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL. PLANNING FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IS RECEIVING ACTIVE ATTENTION AND A SCHEDULE THROUGH THE END OF 1978 SHOULD BE FINALIZED PRIOR TO THE END OF AEROWARC.

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IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS TO ALL IS FACT THAT WARC PREPARATORY GROUPS WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY IN FORTHCOMING MONTHS TO DEVELOP DRAFT PROPOSALS AND TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION FOR CCIR SPM, AS WELL AS TO PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ALREADY PLANNED. THEREFORE USDEL SHOULD NOT EMPHASIZE US INTEREST IN INITIAL OR FOLLOW-UP VISITS LEST WE OVER-COMMIT OURSELVES. IT APPEARS THAT US WILL

HAVE ONLY A MINIMUM OF FLEXIBILITY TO ADD OR MODIFY  
PROJECTED VISITS.

2. TO ASSIST IN PLANNING USDEL IS REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT  
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON FOLLOWING:

A. ITU/IFRB PLANS TO CONDUCT REGIONAL SEMINARS ON THE 1979  
WARC, SIMILAR TO THOSE HELD PRIOR TO THE BROADCASTING  
SATELLITE WARC. WHAT ARE THE PLANNED LOCATIONS AND DATES?

IN PARTICULAR, WILL ANY BE HELD IN 1978?

B. STATE HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM PETTI, ITALY TO  
MEET WITH THE CEPT RADIOPHONIC GROUP TO DISCUSS  
1979 WARC. HE INDICATED THAT A GOOD TIME WOULD BE DURING  
OR AFTER MAY 1978. DEPARTMENT DESIRES CEPT COMMENT ON  
SUITABILITY OF MEETING IN MID-MAY (WEEK OF 8 OR 15) OR  
LATE-JUNE (WEEK OF 19 OR 26), NOTING CONFLICT WITH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (MAY 13-JUNE 2) AND CCIR PLENARY  
(JUNE 7-23). SUGGEST CONTACT KEY CEPT MEMBERS (PETTI/  
ITALY, BAPTISTE/UK, BINZ/FRG, ETC.) TO EXPLORE POSSIBILI-  
TIES. (SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 3B BELOW CONCERNING TOKYO  
VISIT.)

3. FOLLOWING IS INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL. ADDITIONAL  
COMMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF INFORMA-  
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TION REQUESTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS TELEGRAM.

A. INDIA. VERY TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR 2 DAY VISIT TO  
NEW DELHI IS JUNE 5-6. REACTION OF SRIRANGAN WILL BE  
USEFUL.

B. JAPAN. DEPARTMENT PREFERS 2-DAY MEETING IN TOKYO  
ON MAY 30-31. GLEN ROBINSON WILL BE AVAILABLE FIRST DAY  
OF MEETING (MAY 30) AND DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN DIS-  
CUSSIONS AS HEAD OF US DELEGATIONS.

C. SENEGAL. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO WELCOME  
CIONE TO WASHINGTON (ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE IS  
FUNDING ALL TRAVEL AND EXPENSES) AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING  
VISITS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. NECESSARY CORRESPONDENCE TO  
SET DATES AND SPECIFIC DETAILS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOLLOWING  
THE AEROWARC.

D. UK. DEPARTMENT DESIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
CONCERNING "USDEL AGREED TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH  
CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND UK.; DOES THIS REFER TO EARLIER  
IDEA OF HOLDING WARC DISCUSSIONS DURING CCIR PLENARY? IF

SO USDEL IS ADVISED THAT THERE IS LOW PROBABILITY US WILL INCLUDE WARC TEAM IN CCIR DELEGATION, DUE PRESSURE TO LIMIT DELEGATION TO MINIMUM NECESSARY AND OTHER WARC ACTIVITIES IN SAME TIME PERIOD. UK AND NZ COMMENTS WILL BE USEFUL IN OUR PLANNING.

4. STATE, OTP AND FCC OFFICIALS HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21, TO DISCUSS FOREIGN CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER CLOSELY RELATED ISSUES. USDEL REPLY (COMPLETE OR PARTIAL) TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOVE

PRIOR TO MEETING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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